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ENGINEERS INVENT RECORDING TAPE

WEATHER INFORMATION NOT BEING PUBLISHED -- Tientsin Jih-pao, 18 Jun 50

Tientsin -- In explanation of the reason why weather information is not now being published in the Tientsin Jih-pao, this paper publishes below, for the information of its readers, the letter it has received from the Weather Bureau of the People's Revolutionary Military Council of the Central People's government.

"To the Tientsin Jih-pao: The work of the Weather Bureau is being carried on as usual, with predictions as to weather for the ensuing 24 hours for all the big cities and the main navigation routes. But this information is only for the use of our air force and other authorized agencies.

"This is because Taiwan is not yet liberated; enemy planes may still make trouble. Weather information should be kept secret so that they cannot make use of it; hence it is not published. If government agencies or people's organizations require advance information concerning changes in weather, official letters of request should be sent to the bureau and we will do our best to reply. In case of necessity, inquiries may be made by local or long distance telephone, in conformity with our regulations."

INVENT TAPE FOR RECORDING INSTRUMENT -- Hankow Ch'ang-chiang Jih-pao, 17 Jul 50

Peiping, 14 July (Hsin-hua) -- Instruments to register the depth of water by the echo-ranging method, in use by the engineers of the Ministry of Communications working on the reconstruction of the wharves at P'u-k'ou, Kiangsu, have run out of the paper recording tape which is essential for their operation. Heretofore, this tape has been imported, but under present conditions, importation has become impossible or unduly expensive.

To remedy this situation, two young engineers, brothers named Wu K'ang-ning and Wu Yung-ning, have succeeded in producing a substitute. This consists of paper tape that has been immersed in a liquid mixture of starch and a 6-percent

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solution of potassium iodide. This must be used while damp and its record is not permanent. The inventors are continuing their efforts to overcome these defects; meanwhile their tape serves to expedite work on the present project, and saves the expenditure of foreign exchange. The government has awarded the sum of one million yuan to the inventors as encouragement.

TIENTSIN IMPROVES HARBOR CONDITIONS -- Tientsin Jih-pao, 18 Jun 50

Tientsin -- The Tientsin Navigation Bureau, with the cooperation of the Marine Police and the Customs authorities, from 12 to 17 June 1950, have been carrying out an investigation and campaign to improve the navigating conditions of the port of Tientsin. The section from the Chin-kang Ch'iao in the city to P'an-ku lower down the river, has been completed; the next section to be covered is from P'an-ku to T'ang-ku.

A set of instructions and regulations has been prepared and is being distributed; it covers uniform navigating signals, how to avoid collisions, methods and places for mooring, dumping of refuse on the banks, etc., which apply to small man-powered boats as well as to large steamers. The campaign includes mass as well as individual instruction of boatmen and others in the observance of the regulations.

It is noted that boats recently arrived from the Northeast are generally in a dilapidated condition and hardly seaworthy.

TSINAN OPENS PRODUCTION CANAL -- Tsinan Ta-chung Jih-pao, 17 Jul 50

Tsinan -- To meet the needs of a number of industrial concerns in the north section of Tsinan and of an area of rice paddies nearby, the municipal Department of Public Works has constructed a canal to furnish an adequate supply of clean water. The source of the water will be the Wu-lung-t'an the flow of which is 1.28 cubic meters per second. The canal will have a total length of 3,500 meters, and will include a section of the old Kung-shang canal which will be cleaned.

The new canal will be known as the Sheng-ch'an-ch'u (Production Canal), and will serve the Ch'eng-ta, Jen-feng, and Ch'eng-t'ung spinning mills, the Ch'eng-chi, and Ch'eng-feng flour mills, the Chung-hsing-ch'eng, Te-ho-yung, Hung-chu-ho, and Ta-ch'eng dyeing works, the People's Paper Factory and other industrial plants, besides over 7,000 mou of rice fields. The canal will be completed within 3 or 4 weeks.

SHANGHAI REMOVES RIVER MUD -- Shanghai Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 27 May 50

Shanghai -- Since the liberation, engineering work completed in Shanghai up to end of April 1950, includes the following: dredged 15,516 meters of river channels, removing 276,859 cubic meters of silt; repaired or resurfaced 1,583 meters of roads covering 70,073 square meters; sank 294,650 meters of sewer pipes; repaired 94 bridges; rebuilt 30-meter breach in sea wall, and constructed 944 meters of concrete jetty.

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